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AFTER 5 DAYS RETURN TO

SGT. H. G. BANK, 20416637
CO. M, 167TH INF, APO 31,
C/O P.M., S.F., CALIF.

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~~VIA AIR MAIL~~

SOLDIER'S MAIL

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MISS LOTTIE BANK
3018-5TH ST.
TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
U.S.A.

7/16/45

5 FEB 45
N.E.F.

DEAREST LOTTIE:

WELL, TO-DAY WE LAID AROUND ALL DAY AWAITING, NOT GLADLY, THE INSPECTERS. ABOUT TWO P.M. THEY CAME, AND AFTER ALL MY PREPARATION, THEY DIDN'T COME NEAR MY HOUSE, NOR DID THEY EVEN INSPECT OUR GUNS, BUT I DIDN'T CARE, BECAUSE WE WERE ALL READY, RIGHT?

DIDN'T GET ANY MAIL TO-DAY, BUT GOT A LETTER FROM LES POTTER.

IT'S HOT AS THE DEVIL, AND I SURE HAVE SWEATED A WHILE. TRIED TO TAKE A NAP THIS AFTERNOON, BUT IT WAS TOO HOT TO

THAT THE JAPS DIDN'T DEFEND
MANILA MORE. I'M SURE GLAD
THEY DIDN'T THOUGH. THEY
ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT
THEY CAPTURED A LOT OF
PRISONERS OF WAR, MAINLY
WOMEN AND CHILDREN.
SO TOMORROW I'M GOING
TO OUR INTELLIGENCE
OFFICER TO SEE IF HE
CAN FIND OUT IF BERT
WAS IN THE BUNCH AND
IF SO, TO GET WORD
TO BERT TO STOP OFF
THERE BEFORE HE FLIES
BACK TO THE U.S. I
BELIEVE HE WILL FLY
BACK THERE IMMEDIATELY.

SLEEP. IMAGINE I COULDN'T
SLEEP.

JUST SENT OUT A
BOY AND HE GOT A LOAF
OF BREAD. SO WE ATE
A CAN OF SARDINES. TO-
MORROW NIGHT I WILL EAT
MY LAST CAN OF APPLE-
SAUCE. BY THAT TIME I
HOPE TO RECEIVE ANOTHER
BOX. RIGHT? I DON'T LIKE
TO GO TO BED WITHOUT
A SNACK, AND USUALLY
MANAGE FOR ONE.

TO-DAY THEY ANNOUNCED
MAC ARTHUR ARRIVED IN
MANILA, AND I SURE AM
HAPPY. IT SURPRISED ME

SO IF YOU GET A WIRE,
BE SURE AND WIRE HIM
BACK IMMEDIATELY TO
LOOK ME UP. DO YOU
YOU HAVE TO CALL UP
LISTER HILL TO DO IT!
UNDERSTAND?

BE GOOD AND WRITE
SOON!

LOVE,
Harold